

## Letter to the Joshua's Men Wives

Dear *(Insert Name)*,

This is a year of tremendous growth potential for your husband. God has used the Joshua's Men leadership development process as a tool to sharpen Godly men in their ability to influence others for the sake of the Kingdom for decades. 20\_\_ is the year for your husband. Your encouraging support will return tremendous blessings to you, your family, and the church.

The focus is leadership. The commitment is to transformation, not just information. Knowing how to lead is important, but truly being a Godly leader is the "real deal." We will work on leadership development from the inside out — heart first, skills second. In other words, it doesn't matter if someone is a great leader if his home life isn't right or his walk with the Lord is inconsistent. Candidly, a person is not a great leader if the things that "can't be seen" aren't as they should be, no matter how successful they are on the outside.

All conversations in our Joshua's Men gatherings are totally confidential. Here's the exception — anything about *your* husband is not only fair game, but I encourage conversation with one person...you. There will be no secrets regarding your husband when it comes to you. So ask him anything you want.

Much work will be involved during the next 12 months, and I know your husband is already busy. Your time together is precious. But I promise you this investment will be worth it. Your husband will experience tremendous growth. (How much is up to him!) The more you pray for him and encourage him in his study and assignments, the more he will accomplish and grow, and the more you both will benefit from this year.

The bottom line is that this is a year of growth. We will definitely have fun! But the ultimate purpose is the development of your husband as a spiritual leader.

The following is a one-year prayer outline for your husband.

Blessings,

*(Insert Leader's Name)*

## Prayer and Participation Guide for Joshua's Men Wives

### January:

- The book is *Five Levels of Leadership* by John Maxwell.
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - Launching the year with high expectations.
  - Your husband would gain a greater level of awareness toward leadership and his role in it.
  - This year would build another layer of character and influence.
  - That he would open up and bond with the men in the group.

### February:

- The book is *Celebration of Discipline* by Richard J. Foster.
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - The clarity for your husband as it relates to his spiritual walk. (This book addresses how to grow spiritually using well-defined spiritual disciplines.)
  - He will be doing a 3-day fast; please pray for strength to make it through the fast and for spiritual clarity during the 3 days.
  - Our focus for the month will be the prayer life of a leader; please pray for your husband's desire to build an intimate prayer life into his routine.

### March:

- The book is *Be a People Person* by John Maxwell.
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - Helping your husband see the value in people.
  - Pray that the Holy Spirit would build a love for people in your husband and family.
  - Pray for influence and the character needed to leverage it for the Kingdom and the souls of those around him and your family.
- **Your participation this month:** (email to group leader)  
The Golden Rule – Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.
  - Please write down in your own words how well your husband lives this "rule" out around your home. Honesty is essential but be encouraging too.

**April:**

- The book is *Visioneering* by Andy Stanley.
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - Pray that your husband would understand his unique purpose in God's big plan.
  - Pray that God would give your husband the courage to ask God what His plans are for him.
  - Pray that he would see and understand his gifts and talents and how he can use them in the Kingdom.
  - Pray for help and wisdom in seeing what God may be asking him to do.
  - Pray for the courage to act on what God shows him.

**May:**

- The book is *The Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges.
- Your prayer can be focused on the following:
  - Pray that God will speak clearly to your husband and show him how he is to live a life of holiness.
  - Pray generally for him this month in the area of defeating sin, character, and the desire to pursue holy living, as the Bible describes. This does not mean a perfect life, but a genuine passion to be a Godly man!

**June:**

- The book is *Talk Like Ted* by Carmine Gallo
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - Your husband will be preparing to deliver an 18-minute sermon on a topic of his choice. Pray that God will give him a topic that speaks directly to his heart.
  - Pray that it will speak not only to him but to all the other group members.
  - Pray for a breakthrough in his walk with the Lord as he prepares his sermon.
  - This is the halfway point; sometimes their energy and commitment can begin to subside. Pray for the courage and strength to press on for the rest of the year.
- Your husband may need to practice his sermon in front of you. Pray for him.

**July:**

- The book is *Point Man* by Steve Farrar.
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - Pray for an open heart and mind for your husband about his role as husband and dad.
  - Pray for clarity in his ability to be a spiritual father and husband in the home.
  - Pray for your marriage and your family.
- **Your participation this month:** (email to group leader)
  - Take some time to write down how you would describe your husband as the spiritual leader in your home. Begin by writing what you appreciate about him and then honestly describe his spiritual leadership but be encouraging.

**August:**

- The book is *Master Your Money* by Ron Blue
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - How your family manages money.
  - Alignment and agreement with you and your husband on financial decisions and daily practices.
  - Clarity on how God wants the family to manage the resources He gives you.
  - A clear understanding of godly financial principles.

**September:**

- The book is *Spiritual Leadership* by Oswald Sanders.
- Your prayers can be focused on the following:
  - The personal path from success to significance. Success is good but making your life count (significance) is God's plan.
  - What changes would your husband need to make to pursue and realize genuine significance?
  - Pray that your husband would develop a servant's heart. Our pathway to significance is through serving others well.

- Our lives need to be about all the "others" God puts in our lives. So pray for those around you and for a heart that loves others enough to serve them.

**October:**

- The book is a selected biography of a great leader.
- Your prayers can focus on the following:
  - Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your husband to just the right biography for him.
  - Pray that your husband will continue to want to learn from others around him.
  - Pray for his study and gleaning of insights from his book so that he can write a great summary each guy will receive.

**November:**

- The book is *The Next Generation Leader* by Andy Stanley.
- Your prayers can focus on the following:
  - Pray that your husband gains great insight and inspiration from the book.
  - Pray that your husband continues to become the leader that God wants him to be and for the potential to impact the next generation in whatever way God may guide him.
  - Pray that your husband begins to reflect on what he has learned this year and how he will apply it to the maximum potential.

**December:**

- There is no book this month.
- We will plan an evening with all the couples to celebrate the year and what it has meant to each man and his family.

**Prayer Reminder**

**Joshua's Men**

*Pray that Joshua's Men will  
sharpen one another.*

**Proverbs 27:17**

*Pray that Joshua's  
Men will embrace the  
challenge of leadership.*

**Joshua 1:5-9**

*Pray that Joshua's Men will  
be responsive to God's plans.*

**Jeremiah 29:11-13**

*Pray for the Spirit of God to  
give wisdom and guidance.*

**Proverbs 2:1-10**

*Pray that your husband will  
have a teachable Spirit.*

**Joshua 24:15**

*Pray that your husband  
will grow as the spiritual  
leader of your family.*

**II Timothy 2:1-2**

*Pray that your husband  
will mature in his  
intimacy with God.*

**Matthew 22:37-38**